

Probate Judges

Disability Retirement Benefits

The disability benefit is payable in equal monthly installments over the life of the Probate Judge. The Alabama State Legislature may grant cost-of-living increases equal to those received by state retirees of the ERS on an ad hoc basis.

Judicial Service Only

The disability benefit for a Probate Judge with judicial service only is equal to a percentage of either the **base sum or final judicial salary** payable by the state to a Probate Judge on the date the Probate Judge retires.

Percentages used to calculate the disability benefit are provided in the following table:

Judicial Service (Years)	Percentage of Salary at Retirement
5	30
6	35
7	45
8	55
9	65
10 or more	75

This benefit **cannot** exceed 75 percent of the Probate Judge’s base sum or final judicial salary on the date the Probate Judge retires.

ERS or TRS Transfer Service

The disability benefit for a Probate Judge with ERS or TRS transfer service is equal to a percentage of either the **base sum or final judicial salary** payable by the state to a Probate Judge on the date the Probate Judge retires plus a benefit based on transfer service.

Percentages used to calculate the disability benefit are provided in the following table:

Disability Retirement Formula

Judicial Service (Years)	Percentage of Salary at Retirement
1	5
2	10
3	15
4	20
5	30
6	35
7	45
8	55
9	65
10 or more	75

Plus

$2.0125\% \times \text{Average Final Compensation of Transfer Service} \times \text{Years of Transfer Service}$

This benefit **cannot** exceed 75 percent of the Probate Judge's base sum or final judicial salary on the date the Probate Judge retires.